



Guide to Spring and Summer Birds at Hartwick Pines State Park



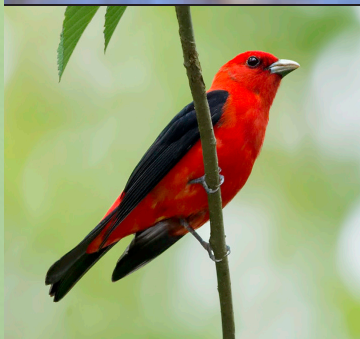
Evening grosbeak

Although their numbers have dropped, they are seen in abundance at our feeders. Technically a member of the finch family.



Common raven

See this large bird following roadways looking for roadkill. They are not commonly seen farther south, where their crow cousins are found.



Scarlet tanager

Bright red, with black wings, making it easy to spot against the green leaves. Listen for its "chick burr, chick burr" call. Bird baths help attract them for viewing.



Ovenbird

Difficult to see among the leaf litter with their excellent camouflage. Easily identified by their song, which sounds like "teacher, TEACHER, TEACHER."



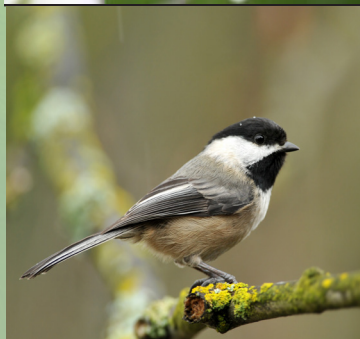
Rose-breasted grosbeak

A sign summer is near. Males have a bright red patch on their chest. Females are the same size, but brown and beige to blend in.



Black-throated green warbler

A difficult bird to spot in the upper canopy of the forest. Its song sounds like "see see see SU-ZEE."



Black-capped chickadee

Most people know their "chick a dee dee dee" call. In the spring they also sing "cheeeeeese-bur, cheeeeeese-burger."



Pileated woodpecker

Largest woodpecker in North America. They excavate standing, dead trees for insects or for a nest cavity.



Northern flicker

Most woodpeckers are observed clinging to tree bark, but flickers forage for insects on the ground. Look for a white patch at the base of their tail as they fly.



Ruby-throated hummingbird

Michigan's only hummingbird. Nectar feeders attract this hovering bird. They beat their wings 80 times per second.